## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

A Tradition of Service

DATE: May 15, 2014

FILE NO:

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM:

STEPHEN B. JOHNSON, COMMANDER

CUSTODY SERVICES DIVISION

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

TO: ALICIA E. AULT, CAPTAIN

INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS

Case Number:

SH2324672

Incident:

Hit Shooting

Incident Date:

November 9, 2012

Unit:

Santa Clarita Valley Station

Suspect:

Steven A. Bowman, MW/05-01-52

Involved Employees:

Deputy Anthony Hawkins, #

Deputy Ethan Marquez, # Deputy Scott Woods, #

Deputy Yesenia Haupu (Guzman),

Deputy James Peterson, #

Deputy James Blake, #

Deputy Michael Deegan, #
Deputy Michael Perry, #

Reserve Deputy John Hutak, #

Sergeant Richard Nagler,

Sergeant Richard Peacock,

**EFRC Date:** 

May 13, 2014

The Executive Force Review Committee (EFRC) consisting of Commanders Stephen Johnson, David Halm, and Ray Leyva met and reviewed the above case.

### FORCE POLICY RELATING TO INCIDENT:

Law Enforcement officers may use deadly force in self-defense or in the defense of others only when they reasonably believe death or serious physical injury is about to be inflicted upon themselves or others.

#### FINDINGS:

On Friday, November 9, 2012, at approximately 0915 hours, Santa Clarita Valley Station deputies received a call of an "armed bank robbery just occurred" at the Bank of America located at 26811 Bouquet Canyon Road in Saugus, California. Suspect Bowman displayed a semi-automatic firearm and demanded money from a teller. The teller handed over approximately \$1,600 and was able to slip a dye pack between the stack of bills. The dye pack exploded in the bank parking lot as Suspect Bowman escaped in a gray Chevy Suburban.

With the assistance of civilian witnesses, deputies located Suspect Bowman in the Chevy Suburban. Deputies became aware that the registration for the Suburban returned to a local address in Agua Dulce, California. Fearing that Suspect Bowman may drive to that address and possibly barricade himself, Deputies Ethan Marquez, Anthony Hawkins, and Yesenia Haupu (Guzman) attempted to conduct a felony traffic stop. Suspect Bowman refused to yield, forcing the deputies to initiate a vehicle pursuit.

The vehicle pursuit went northbound on the 14 freeway, and along the way, Palmdale and Lancaster units deployed three spike strips. The final spike strip effectively punctured the Suburban's front left tire, causing Suspect Bowman to exit the freeway at Avenue H in Lancaster, California. During the pursuit, Suspect Bowman threw red stained and burnt bank money out of his vehicle. Suspect Bowman eventually drove into a residential neighborhood and became trapped on Desert Springs Drive, a cul-de-sac. Suspect Bowman made a U-turn and stopped his vehicle southbound, facing several patrol cars. Suspect Bowman exited his vehicle and then got back into the vehicle, refusing to comply with commands to surrender.

Sergeants Richard Nagler and Daniel Peacock ordered the use of stun bags. Deputies Scott Woods and Devin Freeman fired stun bag rounds breaking the passenger side mirror and front passenger side windows of the Suburban. The stun bag rounds or debris also appeared to have struck Suspect Bowman causing him to flinch. While sitting in the driver's seat, Suspect Bowman reached down and then raised his arm while pointing a handgun at deputies. Suspect Bowman fired one round through the windshield of the Suburban, striking a patrol car.

Fearing for their lives and the lives of their partners, seven Santa Clarita Valley Station deputies, two Lancaster Station deputies, and two Santa Clarita Valley Station sergeants returned fire. Suspect Bowman slumped over in the vehicle, and Sergeants Nagler and Peacock ordered deputies to cease fire. Approximately one to two seconds later, Suspect Bowman sat upright and

again pointed his firearm at the deputies. Again, fearing for their lives, several deputies fired into the Suburban. Suspect Bowman slumped over a second time. A team of deputies approached Suspect Bowman to ascertain his status and to clear the Suburban.

Suspect Bowman sustained 7 gunshots to his head and upper torso. Paramedics pronounced Suspect Bowman deceased at 1024 hours.

A Kimber model, .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol was recovered near Suspect Bowman. It was loaded with seven rounds. Four loaded magazines were recovered in Suspect Bowman's rear pants pocket. A SigArms model, GSR Revolution 1911, .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol was recovered from the center console of the Suburban. The safety was in the "off" position, one round was in the chamber, and it was loaded with eight live rounds. A FNH model Five/Seven, 5.7 x 20mm caliber semi-automatic pistol was recovered atop the front passenger seat of the vehicle. The pistol's safety was in the "on" position, there was one live round in the chamber, and it was loaded with 20 live rounds. A Benelli model M-4, 12-Gauge shotgun was also recovered inside the cargo area of the vehicle. Additionally, there was a large amount of various types of ammunition located in the vehicle.

The EFRC determined the force used against the suspect was within Department policy. They also determined the tactics used were within Department policy.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

The EFRC recommended the unit commander, Captain Roosevelt Johnson, conduct a tactical debriefing with all involved personnel regarding the unique circumstances of this incident. The tactical debriefing is to include pursuit management, allocation of resources, managing ride-alongs, use of specialized weapons (such as stun bag shotgun), barricaded suspect in vehicle situations, roll of the supervisor, and use of profanity over the public address system.

In addition, station training is to be conducted with the assistance of the Tactics and Survival Unit, regarding the handling of a barricaded suspect inside a vehicle.

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### Miscellaneous Documents

Copy of The District Attorney's Letter of Opinion, Administrative Rights/Shooting/Force Forms for all personnel interview by IAB.

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FS)	F rearm (Shotgun)			37mm Stinge	DF .	(PW	Puncture	Wound		(IN)		emal
FO)	Fream (Other)			Sting Ball		(SD)	Soft Ylasu	e Dama	908	(KN)	Kn	008
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BN)	Benetic	(LO)	Lordin	(SR)	Stern Ruger	(NN)	NONE					
BR)	Beretta	(LU)	Luger	(SS)	SIG Sauer							
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CH)	Charter Arms	(MO)	Mossberg	(TA)	Taurus	Call	ber					
CO)	Colt	(NC)	NCI aka SKS	(WE)	Weatherby	(9)	9 mm	(24)	.243 cal	Ub-e c	445	440
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GL)	Głock	(NO)	Norinco	(US)	US Government	12)		(30)	308 cal			45 cariber
HA)	Hamington & Richardson	(RA)	Raven	(YY)	Handmade (Inmate)	20)	12 guage	(35)	.357 cal		45) 50)	
HI)	Hi Standard	(RM)	Remington	(000)	Homemade (Non-Inmate)	21)	20 guage .22-250	(36)	30-60 c			50 mm
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### FORCE APPLIED (one code per block)

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Callber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S#1	E#1-E#6	UC, FH	Kimber	45			NN	
S#1	E#7-E#11	UC, FH	Kımber	45			NN	
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E#2	S#1	FŞ	ENAM	12	Y	Ý	DH	
E#3	S#1	FH	SW	9	Y	Υ	DH	
E#4	S#1	BR	8R	9	Υ	Y	DH	
E#5	S#1	FH	8R	9	Y	Υ	DH	
E#6	S#1	FH	HK	45	Y	Y	DH	
E#7	S#1	FH	SW	9	Y	Ÿ	DH	·
E#8	S#1	FH	BR	9	Y	Υ	DH	
E#9	S#1	FH	BR	9	Υ	Y	DH	
E#10	S#1	FΗ	BR	9	Y	Y	DH	
E#11	S#1	FH	BR9	Υ	Υ	Y	DH	
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Re:

J.S.I.D. File # 12-0742

L.A.S.D. File # 012-15843-0641-013

### Dear Captain Harris:

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has completed its review of the November 9, 2012, fatal shooting of Steven Bowman by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Sergeants Richard Nagler and Daniel Peacock and Deputies James Blake, Michael Deegan, Yesenia Haupu, Anthony Hawkins, John Hutak, Ethan Marquez, Michael Perry, James Peterson and Scott Woods. It is our conclusion that the sergeants and deputies acted in lawful self-defense and defense of others and in lawful pursuit of a fleeing felon.

The District Attorney's Command Center was notified of the shooting on November 9, 2012, at approximately 11:40 a.m. The District Attorney Response Team, comprised of Deputy District Attorney Deborah Delport and District Attorney Senior Investigator responded and was given a briefing and a walk-through of the scene.

The following analysis is based on reports prepared by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), submitted to this office by Investigators Terry Bernstein and Angus Ferguson, LASD, Homicide Bureau. The sergeants and deputies provided voluntary statements which were considered as part of this analysis.

### FACTUAL ANALYSIS

On November 9, 2012, at approximately 9:13 a.m., Steven Bowman committed an armed robbery at the Bank of America in the City of Saugus. Bowman demanded money from the teller while displaying a semiautomatic firearm. The teller handed over approximately \$1,400

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and slipped a dye pack between the stack of bills. The dye pack exploded in the bank parking lot as Bowman escaped in a gray Chevy Suburban. Deputies responded to the location and were eventually directed to Bowman's vehicle by witnesses. Deputies attempted to initiate a felony traffic stop but Bowman refused to stop. A 40 mile, high speed vehicle pursuit ensued. While on the 14 freeway, deputies deployed multiple spike strips. Bowman's vehicle ran over a strip just before the Avenue H off ramp, causing his tire to fray. Bowman exited at Avenue H and continued to evade the 12 police vehicles that had joined the pursuit. As he fled, Bowman threw the red stained and burnt bank money out of his vehicle.

Bowman drove into a residential neighborhood and became trapped on a cul-de-sac. Bowman made a u-turn at the end of the street and came to a stop. Nine sheriff's vehicles were facing him in various positions. Bowman exited the Suburban and stood behind the driver's door. Multiple orders to show his hands were given to Bowman. Bowman ignored them. Bowman reentered the Suburban and stared blankly out the window toward the deputies.

Sergeants Richard Nagler and Daniel Peacock ordered the use of non-lethal stun bags. The stun bags were deployed breaking the front and rear passenger windows. A round or debris appeared to strike Bowman causing him to flinch. Bowman reached down and then raised his arm pointing a gun at the deputies. Bowman immediately fired one round striking a patrol car. In fear for their lives, and the lives of their fellow deputies, the deputies returned fire. Bowman slumped toward the driver's door and Nagler ordered everyone to cease fire. One to two seconds later, Bowman sat upright and pointed his firearm at the deputies for a second time. Again fearing for their lives, the deputies fired into the Suburban.

A group of deputies formed a team to approach the vehicle once Bowman was no longer moving. Sergeant Peacock observed a silver firearm lying between the driver's seat and door. The firearm fell out when the door was opened. Peacock caught the gun and placed it on the running board.

Los Angeles County Fire Department responded to the scene and declared Bowman dead at 10:24 a.m. An autopsy ascribed his death to multiple gunshot wounds.

### Firearm Evidence

Bowman's firearm was a .45 caliber 'Kimber' Model CDPI semiautomatic loaded with seven rounds. Four loaded magazines were recovered in his rear pants pocket. In addition, a second loaded handgun was recovered from the center console of the Suburban, a shotgun was

<sup>1</sup> Bowman passed three patrol vehicles when he made a u-turn. Those cars came to a stop behind him and to the right side of the street.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A Channel 9 news helicopter was at the scene of the deputy involved shooting. The video footage shows the right side view mirror being knocked from the Suburban, presumably from a stun bag round. Immediately thereafter, Bowman raises his right arm, points it toward the deputies, and fires one round out of the windshield. The deputies in the line of fire jump backwards and take cover behind their patrol vehicle. Deputies then fire multiple rounds in the direction of the Suburban. At this time, the camera zooms out and the incident is no longer visible.

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recovered in the rear cargo area and a large amount of ammunition was located throughout the vehicle.

A .45 caliber cartridge case was recovered from the front passenger floor board of the Suburban. The cartridge case was consistent with ammunition recovered from the Kimber semiautomatic handgun.

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lives on the cul-de-sac where the shooting occurred. She looked out her front window and saw the Suburban drive down her street and make a u-turn. The vehicle came to a stop with police vehicles stopped in front of it. Deputies told the driver several times to "put his hands up." The driver never complied. The driver never complied. The driver never complied heard a popping noise that was not gunfire and saw objects striking the Suburban. Deputies again ordered the driver to raise his hands. Then heard one gunshot followed by a barrage of gun fire.

### CONCLUSION

The use of deadly force in self-defense or in defense of another is justifiable if the person claiming the right actually and reasonably believed (1) that he or the person he was defending was in imminent danger of being killed or suffering great bodily injury, (2) that the immediate use of force was necessary to defend against that danger, and (3) that he used no more force than was reasonably necessary to defend against that danger. See CALCRIM No. 505.

Under California law, a peace officer is entitled to use deadly force to capture a dangerous person who has committed a felony. A dangerous person is defined as one who (a) poses a significant threat of death or serious bodily injury to the person attempting the apprehension or others, or (b) has committed a forcible and atrocious felony. Robbery is a forcible and atrocious felony as a matter of law. People v. Ceballos (1974) 12 Cal.3d 470, 478.

The evidence examined shows that Steven Bowman committed an armed bank robbery before leading deputies on a high speed pursuit. Bowman was subsequently cornered on a residential cul-de-sac by multiple sheriff vehicles. Despite multiple commands to show his hands and the use of non-lethal force, Bowman fired a semiautomatic firearm at the surrounding deputies. The deputies, in fear for their lives, responded with deadly force. In addition, the deputies were justified in using deadly force to apprehend a fleeing felon.

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We find that Sergeants Nagler and Peacock and Deputies Blake, Deegan, Haupu, Hawkins, Hutak, Marquez, Perry, Peterson and Woods acted in lawful self-defense and defense of others when they used deadly force against Steven Bowman. We are therefore closing our file and will take no further action in this matter.

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Very truly yours,

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